



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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MEMORANDUM

July 14, 2011

TO: Agricultural Advisory Committee Members (AAC)

FROM: Jeremy V. Criss, Agricultural Services Manager
Department of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Please be advised that the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the Upcounty Regional Services Center, 12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown, in Room B at 7:30 p.m.**

The attachments for our meeting will be posted on the Agricultural Services web site. Due to the County's paper reduction mandate, please print these attachments out and bring them with you to the meeting.

See you on June 19st.

*Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If you need other services or aids to participate in this activity, please call 301-590-2810

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Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda for July 19, 2011

- 1. Introductions if needed?**
- 2. Approval of the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting minutes from June 21, 2011.**
(See Attachment A.)
- 3. Farmland Preservation Update: BLT Easement Purchase Period-April 1 through May 30, 2011-** The DED-APAB made BLT easement offers to three property owners involving 308 acres, 7 BLTs to be terminated at an estimated cost of \$1.7 million. Once the offers are accepted the title reports will be ordered and the BLT easement purchase contract will be submitted to the property owners. Stay tuned for more.
- 4. Follow up discussion surrounding the Application of Footnote 48 for certain non-agricultural uses in the RDT zone.** Examples: Bed and Breakfast, Transitory use, Fire station, (publicly supported), Home occupation, (registered), Swimming pool, (private), and the proposed Renewable Energy Distribution Systems-Solar panels. (See Attachment B. to be handed out at the meeting.)
- 5. Follow Up meeting at MNCPPC held on July 13, 2011 regarding the June 8, 2011 meeting with Council Member Nancy Floreen-Amendments to Forest Conservation Law Chapter 22A-5 Exemptions-Agricultural activities-(See Attachment C.)**
- 6. Discussion surrounding the costs of Deer Vehicle Collisions in certain states: (See Attachment D.)**
- 7. Follow up from the MDA Agricultural Workgroup on the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP)**
Thursday July 7, 2011 from 9:00 to 12:00.
- 8. Follow up from the June 30, 2011 meeting surrounding Montgomery Countryside Alliance Complaints on tree trimming conducted by Pepco along rural –Rustic Roads.** Outcome from the Monday July 18, 2011 Transportation and Environment Committee Work session on Pepco’s Tree Trimming Program. (See Attachment E.)
- 9. Horticultural Green Industry Work Group meeting on Wednesday July 21, 2011 to review the DED staff Draft ZTA.**
- 10. Agricultural Leaders Luncheon on Monday August 15, 2011 at 12:00.** Please RSVP by August 3, 2011 by sending back the post card.
- 11. The August 16, 2011 AAC meeting will be cancelled because of County Fair week.**
- 12. Next scheduled meeting of the AAC is September 20, 2011 @ 7:30 pm in Room B at the UpCounty Regional Services Center in Germantown.**